

310 Benefit St., Providence
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My Dear Watson,

Upon looking over my pamph-
lets - I find that I have never received
No's 15, 14, 13, of Dr Gray's Contributions
- although I thought I had them, This
is why I did not find the account of
Salsdupin and Howellia, plants that
were sent me by Howell, If the Doctor
has any or all of these numbers to
spare I should be delighted to possess
them, without specially looking at the
numbers I had taken it for granted I
had them all. My herbarium work
suffers - as I have 58 men to teach,
in divisions. There is work enough to
employ a special Curator all the
time "from dawn till dewy eve", but this
they cannot afford. Moreover, Olney
in trying to protect his collection a-
gainst fire, never thought of water, he
is compelled to keep the plants in
a fire-proof building; the only one we
have is the Loisley; the only room

Barley

available is underground, and although sealed and prepared with care, is extremely damp. The plants show the ravages of mould. It is, too, a dark, rocky hole to work in, and I am ashamed to take a picture of it in front of a line of open water closets, but the outcome is to be, I don't know but the President's injurious silence on me concerning it - so the facts are for friendly ears alone. You can imagine my feelings at seeing this fine fern in imminent danger - and yet seeing no avenue of escape. The authorities would move it if they could - but are fearful of infringing upon the provisions of the will. Another nuisance is - that all my herb accounts, for paper, glue, pins etc - as well as all books, must pass through the hands of the Library Committee. I must say, however, they never act ugly in their grants.

Something too much of this. The little Whitman continues to annoy me and is a great source of joy to

us. I brought in the other day several bunches of maple with bright red leaves. These have been my top delight and I found them in their cradle tray, peering out from a mass of the foliage - a pretty little picture. Max Bailey sends her best regards.

Many thanks for the plants - I got one ~~as for an~~ Astragalus and three got lost. These Colorado plants have been a great delight to me. There were about eighty species - many of which I had never before seen.

How are my friends - the Misses Parker these days? Please remember me to them. Remember me kindly to all at the Garden - if you ever have any excess of duplicates - will you kindly remember me?*

Yours as ever truly

W. W. Bailey

* If I remember rightly New sends its expenses to other institutions. Is that so? My salary was raised this year to \$1250 - but is even now, in view of doctor's bills, rather meagre.